

Proceedings
BLUE MOUNTAIN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 22, 1975

The annual meeting of the Blue Mountain Distribution System was held in the courtroom of the San Juan County Courthouse at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 1975. The following were in attendance:

John Bene - Deputy State Engineer
Kenward H. McKinney - Area Engineer, Division of Water Rights
James M. Scorup - Spring Creek
Don R. Barton - Verdure & Dodge Point
Richard L. Smith - Verdure & Dodge Point
Mons Smith - Verdure & Dodge Point
Clyde M. Barton - Verdure
K. S. Barton - Verdure
Grayson Redd - Water Commissioner
Jeff Frost - Spring Creek
Francis Barton - Verdure & Dodge Point

The meeting was conducted by Mr. McKinney. The meeting was started at 11:15 a.m. John Bene, the Deputy State Engineer read the minutes of last years meeting. Don Barton moved and Francis Barton seconded that the minutes be accepted as read. Voting on the motion was unanimous for acceptance.

Mr. Bene then read the financial report. It was pointed out that the reason for the large balance in the trust fund was that the commissioner, Grayson Redd, had not yet billed the State Engineer for his services during 1974 and that this billing would probably amount to somewhere around \$350. When this amount was paid off and if Delinquent Account No. 4-D in the amount of \$60 were paid the Balance of Distribution Trust Funds should be about \$150. Don Barton moved and Jeff Frost seconded that the Financial Report be accepted as read. The voting for acceptance was unanimous.

Grayson Redd then gave his verbal report. He indicated that he would submit a written report at a later date. Mr. Redd indicated that the lack of headgates and measuring devices on the Spring Creek end of the distribution system made regulation of that end of the system difficult at best and generally impossible. Mr. Redd indicated that as fast as he would regulate the water as per the Sheley Determination, persons would come behind him and regulate the water as per theirs or some other determination. The commissioner indicated that he was not interested in the position for the year 1975 under the conditions which existed in 1974. Don Barton moved and James Scorup seconded the acceptance of this verbal report. The voting for acceptance was unanimous.

The matter of a commissioner for 1975 was then discussed. The consensus of those present was that the Spring Creek users should find someone who would accept the Commissioner's position for 1975 since it appeared that the actions of the Spring Creek users were responsible for the situation wherein commissioners have not wished to fill the position for a second year. Jeff Frost & Jim Scorup were asked to set up a meeting of the Spring Creek-North end water users sometime during the week of January 27. When a date and time were decided upon, Mr. Frost would notify Mr. McKinney and he would meet with these users and discuss with them the matter of a commissioner for 1975 as well as the matter of headgates and measuring devices.

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The matter of a budget and assessment for 1975 was then discussed. Don Barton moved and James Scorup seconded that the budget and assessment for 1975 be the same as they were in 1974. The voting was unanimous for this motion.

The matter of a 1975 commissioner was then again discussed. Mr. Redd, the 1974 commissioner, had previously indicated that the remuneration was adequate for the work done; that the mileage allowance was adequate providing the price of gasoline does not further escalate and that other financial considerations for the position were adequate. It was suggested that the 1975 water commissioner should contact the division representatives and that the division representative and the commissioner would go over the division portion of the system so that the commissioner would know where the diversion points were and that the commissioner and the division representative were in agreement on water distribution according to the Sheley Determination. This was put in motion form by Don Barton and seconded by Francis Barton. The voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Discussion was then held on the matter of the Distribution Committee for 1975. It was moved by Francis Barton and seconded by James Scorup that the committee for 1975 be the same as it was for 1974. The committee for 1974 was as follows:

Chairman and Blue Mountain Irrigation Company Representative - Max Dalton

Verdure Creek Representative - Don Barton

Pioneer Irrigation Company Representative - Ernest Sonderegger

Carlisle Ranch - Alfred Frost

Spring Creek - DeReece Nielson

The voting in favor of this motion was unanimous.

There being no further business it was moved by Don Barton and seconded by Jeff Frost that the meeting be adjourned. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.